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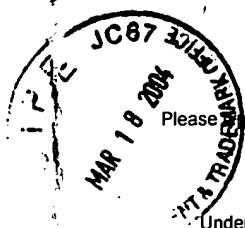
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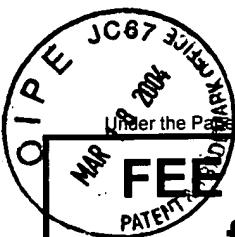
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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
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1053	130	1053	130 Non-English specification
1812	2,520	1812	2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
1804	920*	1804	920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examination action
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	2251	55 Extension for reply within first month
1252	420	2252	210 Extension for reply within second month
1253	950	2253	475 Extension for reply within third month
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1401	330	2401	165 Notice of Appeal
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1403	290	2403	145 Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	1451	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding
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1501	1,330	2501	665 Utility issue fee (or reissue)
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1503	640	2503	320 Plant issue fee
1406	130	1460	130 Petitions to the Commissioner
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